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## REPRESENTATIVE KAMIA BROWN FILES BILL THAT PROVIDES RESOURCES FOR VICTIMS OF PARENTAL DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** – State Representative Kamia Brown (D-Orlando) filed legislation earlier this week, <u>HB 1199</u>, that would provide parents who have been victims of domestic violence at the hands of their child with the resources they need to ensure their safety.

This bill will require the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence to collaborate on developing and maintaining updated resources and materials outlining the services and resources available to parents and legal custodians who are victims of domestic abuse perpetrated by their children. To ease access for victims, the Department would be required to post the information on its website and distribute the information to certified domestic violence centers, other organizations serving victims of domestic violence, clerks of court, law enforcement agencies, and other appropriate organizations.

The bill would also update current Florida statutes to include training on the issues of child-toparent cases of domestic violence in the standards of instruction for basic skills courses for law enforcement officers.

"Currently, there is no easily accessible way for victims of child-to-parent cases of domestic violence to find out what resources are available to help them," said **Representative Kamia Brown**. "It is commonsense that we train our law enforcement officers on how to deal with these situations and we standardize our approach to helping those in need of assistance during a traumatic time for any family."

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